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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
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PROJECT NAME: South Carolina Department of Transportation - Interstate 73

COUNTIES: Marlboro, Dillon, Marion, Horry

WATERWAY & LOCATION: Interstate on new alignment across Newton Bay, Beverly Creek, Cottingham Creek, Hagins Prong, Little Reedy Creek, The Gulley, Maidendown Swamp, Little Sister Bay, Back Swamp, Little Pee Dee River, Black Creek, Hannah Bay, Lake Swamp, Rattlesnake Branch, Long Branch, Joiner Swamp, Loosing Swamp, Watery Bay, Mose Swamp, Chinnners Swamp, And Cross Branch at various locations in Marlboro, Dillon, Marion, and Horry Counties (from Latitude 34.79250 N, Longitude -79.66042 W (NAD83) to Latitude 33.93806 N, Longitude -79.06833 W (NAD83)) beginning at the NC/SC state line northeast of Bennettsville in Marlboro County and extending to its intersection with SC 22 northwest of Conway, South Carolina.

PROPOSED WORK: Consists of the placement of fill to construct a new four lane Interstate roadway approximately 75.3 miles, on new alignment. This project will also include the construction of interchanges, over/underpasses, and improvements to existing roadways at the interchanges and over/underpasses. The project would utilize a standard limited access interstate design with frontage roads and entrance/exit ramps at interchanges, storm water facilities, grassed medians, shoulders, guide rails, and barrier fences. In detail, the I-73 project will include; permanent placement of fill materials/structures in a total of 4,643 linear feet of stream and a total of 324.1 acres of other waters, including wetlands. The impacts to wetlands include: 254.28 acres from fill, 48.67 acres from temporary clearing, 16.75 acres from permanent clearing, and 4.4 acres from excavation. These project impacts will occur within 17 separate streams, 139 separate wetlands, and 5 separate ponds/im poundments.

The revised mitigation plan for the I-73 project will no longer include the Joiner Bay wetland mitigation site and the Long Branch stream mitigation site. The proposed compensatory mitigation plan consist of the permittee responsible mitigation site referred to as the "Gunter's Island" site located in Horry County, South Carolina. The proposed mitigation plan states that the Gunter's Island mitigation site is a large scale mitigation opportunity with regional importance based on a watershed approach to protect water quality and aquatic resources. Gunter's Island is a 6,134 acre tract on the east side of the Little Pee Dee River approximately four miles north of the US 378 crossing of the Little Pee Dee River. Based upon information provided by the applicant, this tract contains 89,836 linear feet of tributaries, 4,583 acres of wetlands, and includes an eleven mile long corridor along the east side of Little Pee Dee River. The applicant is proposing to purchase and prese  
rve this tract (including an intact Carolina Bay) and conduct enhancement activities by the replacing/removing existing culverts/bridges/roads, stabilizing stream banks, and supplemental planting

along floodplains within wetlands and buffers. The applicant indicates that preservation of this tract will prevent habitat fragmentation caused by land conversion from typical agricultural practices to non-traditional uses, development, and poor land management practices. The long term steward of this site will be the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (for management and inclusion into the Heritage Trust Program).

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